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SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO WARSAW VIA BERLIN

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1. SUMMARY. OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED BY BONN, OPTION A WOULD BE SOMETHING OF A NEW PRECEDENT AND OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THIS ROUTE FOR OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS. OPTION B IS, AS EMBASSY NOTES, SAFER AND MIGHT BE PREFERABLE IN THIS CASE, AS HANSEN WILL BE ACCOMPANYING FAMILY AND DIFFICULTIES IN PURSUING OPTION A MIGHT CAUSE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. FROM TIME TO TIME PERSONS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS TRAVELING BETWEEN BERLIN AND COUNTRIES TO THE EAST HAVE BEEN ASSISTED BY MISSION AND EMBASSY IN CROSSING SECTOR TO SECTOR, NOT GETTING ENTRY STAMPS. IN PREVIOUS CASES THESE OFFICIALS HAVE ALL CARRIED DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. WHEN THESE TRAVELRS REACHED THE POLISH-EAST GERMAN BORDER ON THEIR EASTBOUND TRIP THE GDR GUARDS HAVE ACCEPTED THE ABSENCE OF AN ENTRY STAMP INTO THE GDR WITH THE

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EXPLANATION THAT THE OFFICIALS WERE PART OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN BERLIN. WE ALSO THINK THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATING BECAUSE THE BEARER USED A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT GDR BORDER PERSONNEL DO THEIR BEST TO BE ACCOMMODATING TO DIPLOMATIC TRAVELERS.

3. BEARERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS DO NOT GET THE SAME
PRIVILEGED TREATMENT FROM EAST GERMAN BORDER PERSONNEL.
THIS IS SEEN FOR INSTANCE IN THEIR REFUSAL TO LET
OFFICIAL PASSPORT BEARERS TRANSIT THE SECTOR-SECTOR
BOUNDARY IN OFFICIAL U.S. EMBASSY BERLIN VEHICLES
SHOWING MERELY THE COVER AND PICTURE PAGE OF THEIR
PASSPORT, AS DIPLOMATS CAN DO.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO TEST THE
POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL PASSPORT BEARERS USING MISSION/
EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION TO AVOID THE SECTOR-SECTOR
BOUNDARY STAMPS, WE WOULD RATHER DO IT WITH A CASE OF A
TRAVELER WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO BE TURNED BACK AT THE
POLISH-GDR BORDER. GEORGE

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